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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The absorber pipe (1), especially for a parabolic collector for a solar heat collecting apparatus, is described. The absorber pipe (1) has a central metal pipe (3) and a glass sleeve tube (2). An expansion compensation device (10) is provided, which is arranged under a glass-metal transitional element (5) attached to the sleeve tube (2) and at least partially within in an annular space (4) and between the metal pipe (3) and the a glass-metal transitional element (5), which is attached to the sleeve tube (2). The expansion compensation device (10), which connects the metal pipe and sleeve tube so that they can slid relative to each other, can have a folding bellows (11). Furthermore a connecting element (15) is provided, which has either a cylindrical or a conical section (17, 18, 18") and which connects one end of the folding bellows with the metal pipe.